

2018 BUDGET – OVERVIEW

On March 21, 2018 Mayor Wilkie and the Township Council introduced the 2018 budget and scheduled the public hearing and adoption for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

The budget Mayor Wilkie submitted to the Township Council calls for no increase in the local purpose tax (LPT) or the water and sewer rates. The local purpose tax is the only tax that falls directly under the township. The local purpose tax remains at .439 and it has been the same rate since 2013. Each year, the Mayor and Township Council work closely to improve services and to maintain financial stability at the local level.

In addition to keeping the local purpose tax unchanged in 2018, a few budget highlights are as follows:

- The 2018 Road Program is currently out to bid. The township is repaving many roads this year. For a full listing of streets included in the 2018 Road Program, you can go to the municipal website.
- Mayor and Council have authorized Phase 3 of the Hornberger Avenue Improvement Project. It covers 6th Avenue to the railroad tracks. Work will be complete later this year.
- Florence Township is continuing to work with other governmental agencies on initiating major improvements along the Route 130 Corridor (at the intersection of Florence-Columbus Road and at the intersection of Cedar Lane). In addition, the township continues to explore making other roadway and safety improvements in the community.
- 1 new police officer has recently graduated the police academy. 3 additional officers were hired in March and they enter the academy in April.
- Mayor and Council have authorized the start of a new Canine Program this year for the Florence Township Police Department. The goal is to have the Canine Program in place by the end of this year.
- The budget proposes the start of a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) in September. We appreciate all of the support from the school district on this program.
- The 2018 Carnival, Patriotic Celebration and Summer Camp Programs are all returning this year. The dates for these and many other activities are listed on a separate sheet below, on the municipal website and of course, in the community calendar put together by the Community Calendar Committee.
- Funds have been set aside to begin revamping and improving Channel 19, along with upgrading the municipal website and working to improve public affairs communications.
- Work on updating the municipal Master Plan is underway and we will be working diligently to properly plan for the future.
- The township is pursuing a walkway/bike path that will be constructed where the former Griffin Pipe old rail line tracks are now in the community. This is a sizeable undertaking, but one that will greatly enhance the community.
- Phase 1 of the water plant improvements will be completed by this summer. The township will then undertake Phase 2 of the water plant improvements in the summer of 2019. Work is also being planned to repaint and repair the water tower on Florence-Columbus Road. The water tower is approximately 18 years old and being pro-active with infrastructure improvements in the utility is vitally important.

If there are any questions about the budget prior to the public hearing on April 18, 2018, please feel free to contact the Township Administrator, Richard Brook at (609) 499-2525

2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS

The following are just some of the community events that are planned for 2018:

Florence Historical Society Open House	Sunday	April 8
Rec Committee Comedy Night	Saturday	April 28
Roebing Museum Car Show	Saturday	April 28
Fire Dept. Food Truck Festival	Sunday	May 6
Walter Kotch Memorial	Friday	May 12 at noon
Roebing Museum Village of Roebing Tour	Saturday	May 13
Florence American Legion Memorial Day Services	Sunday	May 27
Roebing Legion Memorial Day Services	Monday	May 28
Police Department Bike Rodeo	Saturday	June 9
Community Carnival	Thurs – Sunday	June 14 -17
Farmer's Market	Starts June 21	(every Thursday afternoon)
Patriotic Celebration Day	Saturday	July 7
Township Summer Camp – Field Days	2 Weeks	July 23 – August 3
National Night Out	Tuesday	August 7
St. Stephens Car Show	Saturday	September 15
Fire Department Open House	Friday	October 12
Roebing Museum Oktoberfest	Saturday	October 13
Township Veterans Day Services	Sunday	November 11
Christmas Tree Lighting	Friday	December 7
Roebing Museum Christmas	Saturday	December 15

These are just some of the events planned for this year. **A listing and schedule of community events are on the municipal website and 2018 Florence Township Community Calendar.** As additional events become known, they will be included on the website.

2018 BUDGET – OVERVIEW

<u>2017 Total Appropriation</u>	<u>2018 Total Appropriation</u>	
<u>w/o Reserve</u>	<u>w/o Reserve</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 11,043,410	\$ 11,569,480	\$ 526,070

<u>2017 Total Appropriation</u>	<u>2018 Total Appropriation</u>	<u>Final</u>
<u>w/Reserve</u>	<u>w/Reserve</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 11,615,410	\$ 12,089,343	\$ 473,933

<u>Amount to be Raised by Taxation</u>		
<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 5,480,411	\$ 5,483,816	\$ 3,405

Local Purpose Tax

	<u>Average Assessment</u>	<u>LPT Rate</u>	<u>Local Purpose Tax</u>	<u>Difference</u>
2013	\$ 227,410	.439	\$ 998	(\$ 8.00)
2014	\$ 224,411	.439	\$ 985	(\$ 13.00)
2015	\$ 221,014	.439	\$ 970	(\$ 15.00)
2016	\$ 218,712	.439	\$ 960	(\$ 10.00)
2017	\$ 218,853	.439	\$ 961	\$ 1.00
2018	\$ 219,382	.439	\$ 963	\$ 2.00

TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE
2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues		Anticipated	
		2018	2017
1. Surplus		\$1,818,000.00	\$1,800,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues		4,363,526.53	4,034,999.00
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		424,000.00	300,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes		5,483,816.47	5,480,411.00
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		0.00	0.00
Total Amt to be Raised by Taxes			
for Support of Municipal Budget		5,483,816.47	5,480,411.00
Total General Revenues		\$12,089,343.00	\$11,615,410.00
Summary of Appropriations		2018 Budget	Final 2017 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		\$5,538,172.00	\$5,310,344.00
Other Expenses		3,527,745.00	3,788,666.71
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		1,117,233.00	1,074,739.29
3. Capital Improvements		230,000.00	36,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)		1,156,330.00	833,660.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		519,863.00	572,000.00
Total General Appropriations		\$12,089,343.00	\$11,615,410.00
Total Number of Employees		102	102

2017 Dedicated Water & Sewer Utility Budget			
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated	
		2018	2017
1. Surplus		\$566,430.00	\$567,959.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		5,215,000.00	5,140,000.00
3. Capital Surplus		0.00	0.00
4. Deficit (General Budget)		0.00	0.00
Total Revenues		\$5,781,430.00	\$5,707,959.00
Summary of Appropriations		2018 Budget	Final 2017 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		\$1,432,120.00	\$1,358,113.00
Other Expenses		2,461,735.00	2,496,235.00
2. Capital Improvements		130,000.00	150,000.00
3. Debt Service		1,503,775.00	1,467,780.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		253,800.00	235,831.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations		5,781,430.00	5,707,959.00
Total Number of Employees		14	14

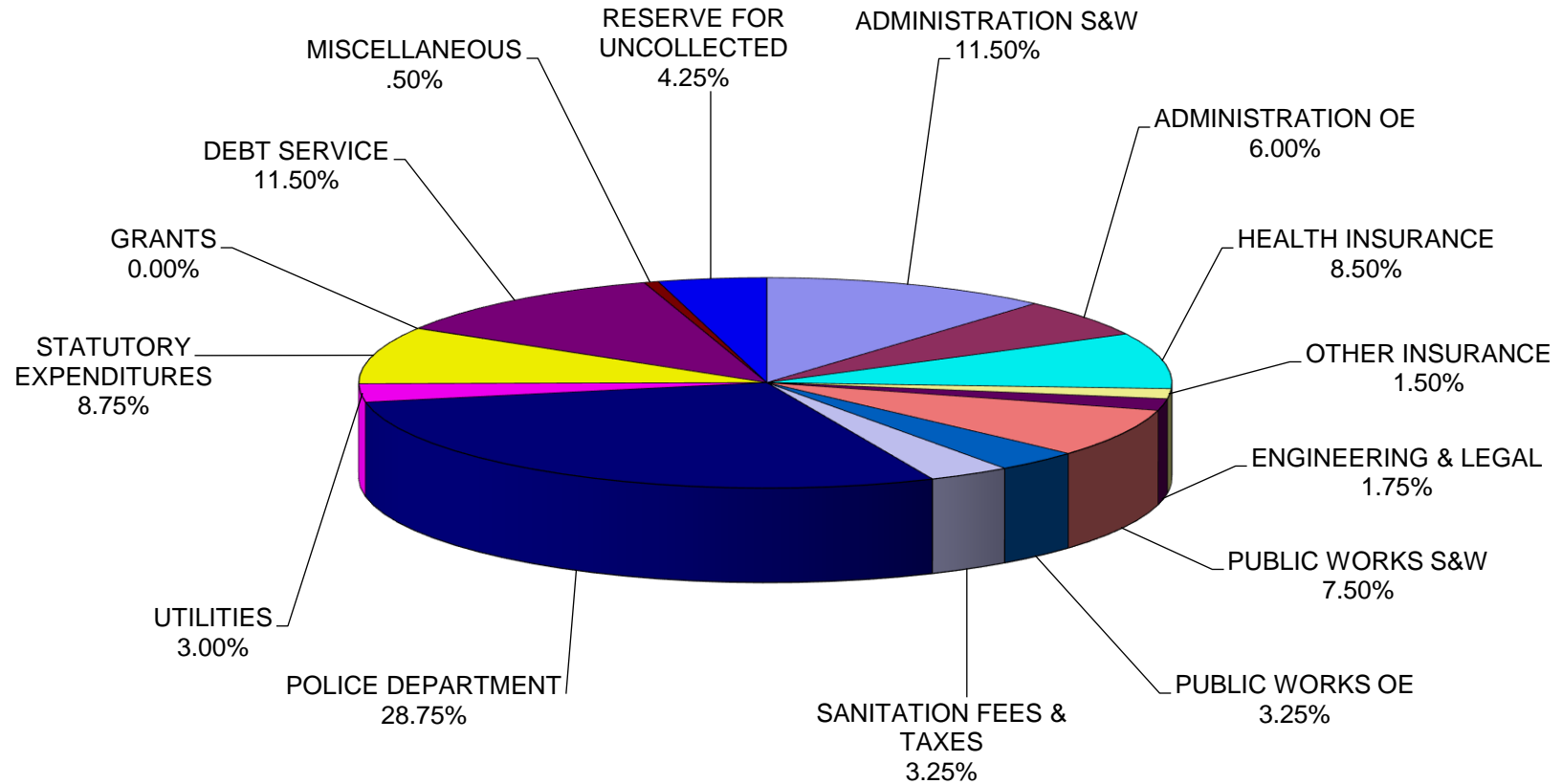
Balance of Outstanding Debt		General	Water & Sewer Utility
Interest		361,755	142,425
Principal		794,575	1,361,350
Outstanding Balance		\$17,365,705	\$4,212,000

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington on March 14, 2018.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, on April 18, 2018, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Building, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey (609) 499-2525 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

2018 CURRENT FUND BUDGET

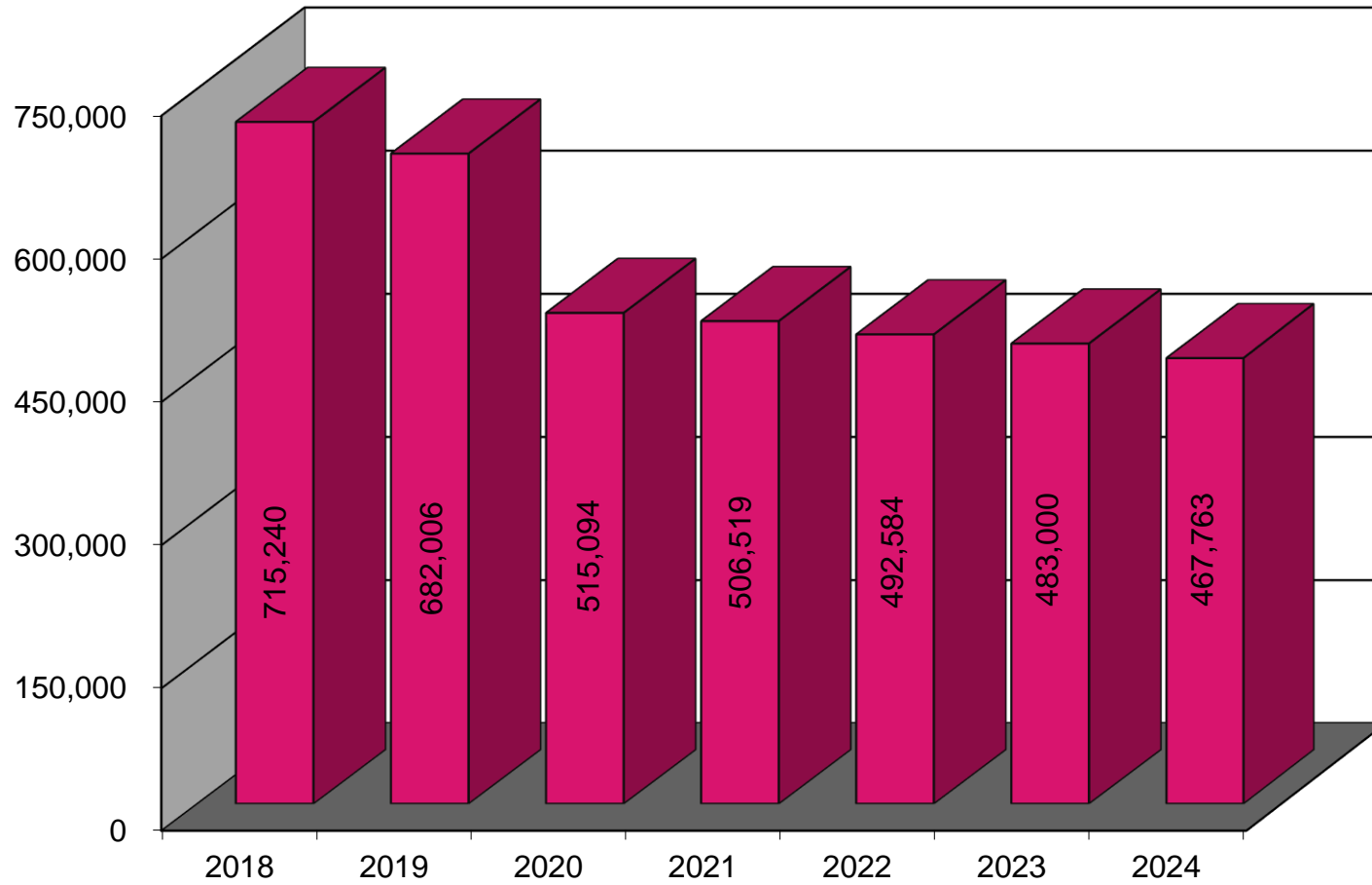


POLICE DEPARTMENT

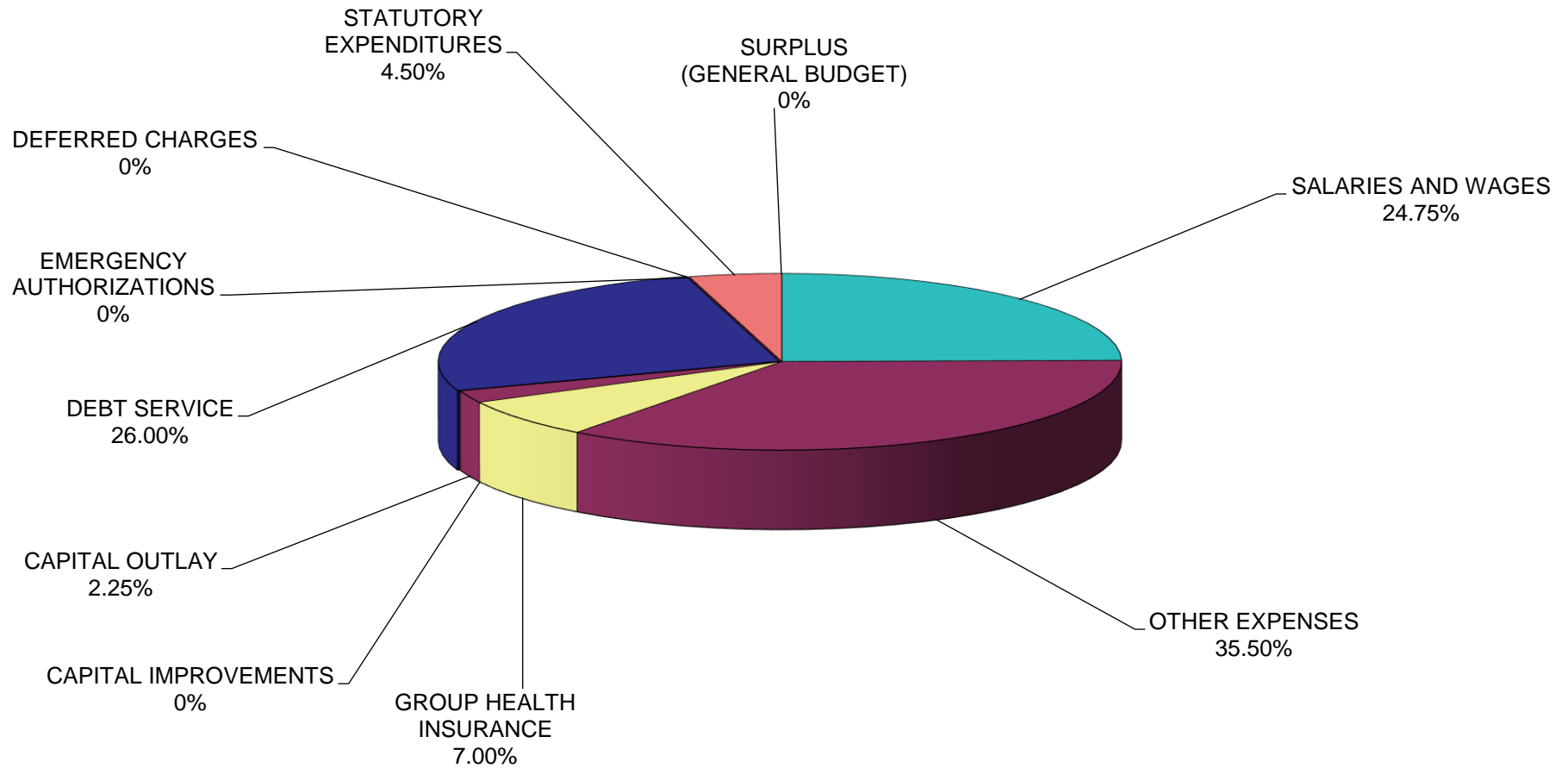
Salaries	26.50%
Other Expenses	2.25%

TOTAL 2018 BUDGET
12,089,343

Current Debt Service



2018 WATER & SEWER BUDGET



TOTAL 2018 BUDGET
\$5,781,430

Water & Sewer Utility Debt Service

